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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hilton A. Salhanick and Joachim Hourihan
Serial No.: 09/915,931 ✓ Examiner: D. Davis
Filed: July 26, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1641
For: METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING THYROID CONDITIONS
AND FOR MONITORING THYROXINE THERAPY

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

On February 9, 2004, a Final Office Action was issued in connection with the subject application. On May 10, 2004, applicants filed an Amendment In Response To The February 9, 2004 Final Office Action. An Advisory Action was issued on July 13, 2004 indicating that the Amendment was not entered because the proposed amendments raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. A Notice Of Appeal was originally due May 9, 2004.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a Notice of Appeal from May 9, 2004 to August 9, 2004. The required fee for a one-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A Notice of Appeal is now due August 9, 2004, and an RCE is being

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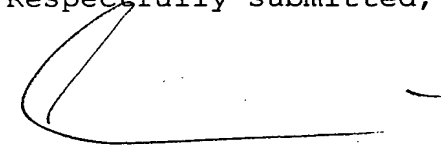
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submitted in lieu thereof. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and the RCE being filed concurrently herewith is timely filed.

No fee, other than the \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

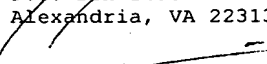
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